

**AMENDMENT TO H.R. 4205, AS REPORTED
OFFERED BY MR. SKELTON OF MISSOURI**

At the end of title XII (page 338, after line 13), insert the following new section:

**1 SEC. 1205. GAO STUDY ON VALUE OF UNITED STATES MILI-
2 TARY ENGAGEMENT IN EUROPE.**

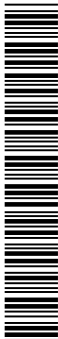
3 (a) COMPTROLLER GENERAL STUDY.—The Comp-
4 troller General shall conduct a study assessing the value
5 to the United States and its national security interests
6 gained from the engagement of United States forces in
7 Europe and from military strategies used to shape the
8 international security environment in Europe.

9 (b) MATTERS TO BE INCLUDED.—The study shall
10 include an assessment of the following matters:

11 (1) The value to United States security inter-
12 ests from having forces stationed in Europe and as-
13 signed to areas of regional conflict such as Bosnia
14 and Kosovo.

15 (2) The value in sharing the risks, responsibil-
16 ities, and costs of deploying United States forces
17 with the forces of European allies.

18 (3) The costs associated with stationing United
19 States forces in Europe and with assigning them to
20 areas of regional conflict.



1 (4) The value of the following kinds of contribu-
2 tions made by European allies:

3 (A) Financial contributions.

4 (B) Contributions of military personnel
5 and units.

6 (C) Contributions of nonmilitary personnel,
7 such as medical personnel, police officers, judi-
8 cial officers, and other civic officials.

9 (D) Contributions in kind that may be
10 used for infrastructure building or activities
11 that contribute to regional stability, whether in
12 lieu of or in addition to military-related con-
13 tributions.

14 (5) The value of a forward United States mili-
15 tary presence in compensating for existing shortfalls
16 of air and sea lift capability in the event of further
17 regional conflict in Europe or the Middle East.

18 (6) The value of humanitarian and reconstruc-
19 tion assistance provided by European countries and
20 by the United States in maintaining or improving
21 regional stability.

22 (c) REPORT.—The Comptroller General shall submit
23 a report on the results of the study to the Committees
24 on Armed Services of the Senate and House of Represent-
25 atives not later than March 1, 2001.

